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PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 1, 1974. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS COMMENTS ON THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND:

REPORTER THERE IS A REPORT THAT YOU WILL CHANGE FOREIGN POLICY AND AMERICAN FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN?

SANYA NO, BASIC FOREIGN POLICY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND LIKE THAT STATED TO THE FORMER NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, WHICH SAID THAT THAILAND WILL BE FRIENDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE DANGER TO US AND WHICH WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH US. BUT WE WILL OPPOSE INFILTRATION AND TERRORISM IN ANY AND ALL FORMS IN OUR COUNTRY TO THE UTMOST OF OUR STREINTH AND CAPABILITY. THIS IS OUR
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FOREIGN POLICY, THEREFORE IT IS NOT CHANGED.

REPORTER WHAT WILL BE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICAN
BASES?

SANYA I DO NOT POSSESS SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE IN
DETAIL REGARDING THESE AMERICAN BASES. MY VIEW IS THAT
WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE HOLDING CONSULTATIONS. THE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL MOST PROBABLY BE THE OFFICIAL
ESPECIALLY IN CHARGE OF THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE HE IS THE
MEMBER OF OUR CABINET WHO POSSESSES BEST KNOWLEDGE OF THE
SITUATION. BUT PLEASE DON'T GO AND INTERVIEW HIM YET;
GIVE HIM TIME TO GET INTO THE WORK IN HIS NEW POSITION.

HE IS 75 YEARS OLD BUT WHEN HIS VIGOR AND ALERTNESS
AND HE SPEAKS IN A LOUD AND CLEAR VOICE. (LAUGHS)
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